

**In the Specification:**

- Please amend the paragraph starting on page 7, line 16, as follows:

In another aspect, a first tone data and a first tone duration are received, where the first tone ~~date~~ data is indicative of a first tone, the first tone data is then buffered and retrieved, and the first tone corresponding to the first tone data is generated. A first timer set to a first predetermined period is started when the first tone starts being generated. For example, the first predetermined period can be 200 msec. Thereafter, the first timer is restarted when a keep-alive data for the first tone is received, in which case the first tone continues to be generated. Otherwise, the first tone is stopped when the first timer expires. In one aspect, when a second tone data indicative of a second tone is received prior to the first tone ending, an elapsed time since the first tone began is determined. Next, the first tone is stopped when the elapsed time exceeds a second predetermined period, which can be, for example, 50 msec. A third predetermined period is then allowed to pass before the second tone corresponding to the second tone data is generated.

- Please amend the paragraph starting on page 8, line 6, as follows:

In a further aspect a first tone data and a first tone duration are received, where the first tone ~~date~~ data is indicative of a first tone, and the first tone data is buffered. Also, a second tone data and a second tone duration are received, where the second tone ~~date~~ data is indicative of a second tone, and the second tone data is stored in the buffer. A fixed tone period and a fixed silence period are provided, which are independent of the first tone duration and the second tone duration. The first tone data is retrieved from the buffer and the first tone corresponding to the

first tone data is generated for the fixed tone period. Next, the second tone data is retrieved from the buffer and, after waiting for the fixed silence period, the second tone corresponding to the second tone data is generated for the fixed tone period.